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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: PDEV, UK, RH

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: US-UK PLAN TO CALL FOR MEETING OF ALL
PARTIES

REF: STATE 060429

1. BELOW IS COPY OF INSTRUCTIONS TO BE USED IN JOINT
DEMARCHE TO HOST GOVERNMENTS OF ZAMBIA, MOZAMBIQUE,
BOTSWANA AND NIGERIA, WHICH YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY MADE
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USING TEXT SUPPLIED BY UK COLLEAGUE. DEPARTMENT REGRETS
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WAS CAUSED BY MISUNDERSTANDING WITH FCO. WE ASSUMED
THAT BEFORE ISSUING FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS WE WOULD
HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH BRITISH
ON BASIS OF INITIAL SOUNDINGS WITH SAG AND NYERERE.
FCO UNDERSTANDING WAS DIFFERENT, AND, APPARENTLY VIEWING

PRESIDENT CARTER'S PUBLIC COMMENTS ON A CONFERENCE AS THE NECESSARY TRIGGER, SENT OUT INSTRUCTIONS WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH US.

2. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO CONCERT WITH BRITISH COLLEAGUES AND APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENT AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL (PREFERABLY PRESIDENTIAL) IMMEDIATELY TO INFORM THEM OF US-UK PLAN TO CALL FOR A MEETING OF ALL PARTIES TO THE RHODESIAN DISPUTE.

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LOCUS OF POWER DURING THE TRANSITION, WE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT THE PROCESS BEGIN WITH A CLEARCUT IRREVERSIBLE TRANSFER OF POWER FROM THE PRESENT REGIME. IF APPROPRIATE YOU SHOULD ALSO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE WISH TO DISPEL ANY MISCONCEPTION THAT MIGHT EXIST THAT WE ARE TRYING TO BRING THE PATRIOTIC FRONT INTO THE INTERNAL TALKS. OUR AIM IS TO BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER IN AN ENDEAVOR TO MOVE THEM TOWARD AGREEMENT ON THE PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN.

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